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REMARKS

By way of the amendment instructions above, claims 1-16 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 17-71, of which claims 17-46 are directed to methods of making a size composition in accordance with the present invention whereas claims 47-71 are directed to the size composition per se.

Claims 47-71 are substantively similar to the claims examined during prosecution of parent application Serial No. 10/038,769, with the exception being that independent claim 47 requires the talc in the pigment fraction to be less than 85%, calculated as dry matter and the ratio of the pigment fraction to the size fraction is recited to be 10/90 to 35/65. Support may be found from page 4, line 4 of the specification and from Example 4, Table 2.

In the event that restriction between the method on the one hand and the sizing composition per se on the other hand is deemed necessary, applicants hereby provisionally elect the method as defined by claims 17-46.

An early and favorable reply on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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